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INCREASES PRODUCTION OF CHEMICALS

RAISES NOVOPHENARSAN PRODUCTION -- Belgrade, Borba, 15 Feb 51

Novophenarsan, an antisyphilitic drug, was produced in small quantities in Yugoslavia before the war. After the liberation, production of this drug was four times as great as before the war. Because Yugoslavia is still dependent on imports of novophenarsan, a new department for the production of this drug has been built in the "Pliva" Drug Factory in Zagreb. The department will begin production on 15 February 1951.

It is estimated that by the end of 1951 Yugoslavia will no longer import novophenarsan.

Engineers Nikola Muic and Dragutin Plese were instrumental in building the new department and in expanding the production of the drug.

Zagreb, Vjesnik, 16 Feb 51

On 15 February the "Pliva" Drug Factory put into operation a plant for the production of arsenobenzol. The plant has an area of 1,300 square meters.

Berlin, Nachrichten fuer Aussenhandel, 17 Jan 51

Production of chloromycetin and other special drugs has been started in Zagreb.

NEW "ASTRO" FACTORY PRODUCTS INTRODUCED -- Belgrade, Politika, 17 Feb 51

Sarajevo, 16 February -- The "Astro" Soap Factory in Alipasin Most this year will produce some new articles, among which is soap, powder hand soap containing asbestos/[by-products?]/, a perfumed deodorant made from pine needles,

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for use in large public buildings, and shaving soap. The production of shaving soap was hampered by a scarcity of imported raw materials, which will now be alleviated by an oil extracted from pine needles.

EXPAND PRODUCTION OF RUBBER PRODUCTS -- Zagreb, Vjesnik, 19 - 20 Feb 51

Osijek, 18 February -- This year, the Rubber and Shoe Combine in Borovo began the planned production of elastic thread needed by the textile industry. Heretofore this thread was imported. In the beginning, the Combine manufactured only one kilogram of thread daily. It is now producing 25 kilograms daily. The quality of the thread is not unlike the imported.

The combine is also producing new corrugated rubber soles. These are used in the serial manufacture of shoes, 1,000-1,200 pairs of which are being produced daily.

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